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**Applicants:** John Riley Hawkins, et al.

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Madam:

This communication is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on September 5, 2008.

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